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SUBJECT: UNESCO GENEVA GROUP LETTER TO DG CONCERNING
UNESCO'S BUDGET

REF: PARIS 21757

1. UNESCO GG LETTER ON BUDGET WAS HAND CARRIED TO
DG'S OFFICE JULY 26. REPLY FROM DG WAS RECEIVED AUGUST 8.

2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF MR. JONES'

LETTER OF 25 JULY 1977, ADDRESSED TO ME ON BEHALF OF
THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS OF THE SO-CALLED "GENEVA
GROUP".

I WOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO TELL YOU THAT I WAS
HAPPY TO NOTE THE AWARENESS SHOWN BY THE "GENEVA
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GROUP" OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT TO
MAKE THE WORK OF UNESCO AS ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT AS
POSSIBLE, THUS SECURING INCREASED COST-EFFECTIVENESS
OF ITS PROGRAMMES. I APPRECIATE ALSO ITS UNDER-
STANDING THAT THE MAJOR PART OF THE INCREASE IN THE
ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET HAS BEEN DUE TO INFLATION AND TO
CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, WHICH LIE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

I AM FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE CONCERN OF ALL MEMBER STATES, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL CONTRIBUTORS, AS TO THE INCREASES IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES' BUDGETS, AND AM, FOR THIS REASON, THE FIRST TO BELIEVE IN THE USEFULNESS OF AN EARLY DIALOGUE BEING ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT AN UNDERSTANDING OF ALL RELEVANT FACTORS AND THE DESIRED CONSENSUS.

IT IS PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT I AM PRESENTING TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IN PART III OF THE DOCUMENT 103 EX/5, A STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE 1979-1980 BUDGET OF THE APPLICATION OF THE BUDGET TECHNIQUE, ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE DOCUMENT 19 C/5. I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS 19TH SESSION HAS APPROVED - FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION - THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN, AND I AM UNDER THE OBLIGATION TO PRESENT THE NEXT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET (20 C/5) AS PART OF THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN. MOREOVER, AS FAR AS THE GROWTH IN RESOURCES IS CONCERNED, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE HAS GIVEN ME, AS YOU VERY WELL KNOW, CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH IT IS MY DUTY TO IMPLEMENT. IN THIS SENSE, I MUST EXPRESS MY SURPRISE WHEN YOU SPEAK OF "DISPROPORTIONATE INCREASES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' BUDGETS". IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SO-CALLED "GENEVA GROUP" TO MAKE PRECISELY THAT STATEMENT AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE 19TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WAS ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THE REGULAR PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE DOCUMENT 103 EX/5, WHICH I AM SUBMITTING TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION 19 C/35.1 OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, WILL BE CIRCULATED IN TEN DAYS' TIME. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL GIVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO STUDY IT AND TO GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEM 4.2. ALTHOUGH THE FIGURES

QUOTED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENT WILL, BY

NECESSITY AT THIS STAGE, BE ONLY OF A PRELIMINARY

NATURE, IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT A FULL DISCUSSION
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH, BY
VIRTUE OF THE UNESCO CONSTITUTION, IS THE ONLY BODY
OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTITLED TO TAKE
DECISIONS ON THESE MATTERS. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT
I WILL, AS IN THE PAST, FOLLOW THE INDICATIONS WHICH
THE BOARD WILL FIND APPROPRIATE TO GIVE ME.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING - AND I HAVE STATED THIS
ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE PAST - THAT I AM
COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF A CONSTANT DIALOGUE
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES AND I WOULD BE
READY TO RECEIVE, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY,
PERMANENT DELEGATES OF MEMBER STATES WHO ARE MEMBERS
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OF THE SO-CALLED "GENEVA GROUP" AT ANY TIME WHICH
WOULD APPEAR MUTUALLY CONVENIENT. MOREOVER, I AM
READY, IF YOU SO WISH, TO INFORM THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD, EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING, ABOUT YOUR
PRESENT OR ANY SUBSEQUENT INITIATIVE YOU MIGHT
CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TO UNDERTAKE IN RELATION TO THE
BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION.
YOURS SINCERELY,
END QUOTE.
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